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SUBJECT: SECVISIT: SCENARIO FOR FORMAL CALL ON PRESIDENT PEREZ
AND DINNER AT LA CASONA (PRESIDENT'S OFFICIAL RESIDENCE)

1. APRIL 26, 1975

2010 SECRETARY DEPARTS TAMANACO HOTEL.

2025 SECRETARY ARRIVES AT LA CASONA. MET BY FOREIGN MINISTER
AND PRESIDENT'S AIDES-DE-CAMP AND PROCEEDS DIRECTLY TO
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

2030 MEETS PRESIDENT PEREZ. PEREZ IS ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN
MINISTER RAMON ESCOVAR SALOM AND VENEZUELAN INTERPRETER.
SECRETARY IS ACCOMPANIED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS
AND CHARGE ASECIO. AFTER A FEW MINUTES OF CONVERSATION
IT IS THE CUSTOM FOR THE PRESIDENT TO INQUIRE OF THE
SECRETARY IF HE WISHES TO INVITE MEMBERS OF THE PARTY TO
JOIN THEM.

2130 SECRETARY ENDS FORMAL CALL ON PRESIDENT PEREZ AND PROCEEDS
FROM PEREZ'S OFFICE TO THE GARDEN AREA OF LA CASONA WHERE
HE MINGLES WITH THE GUESTS ASSEMBLED FOR THE STATE DINNER.
(SEE SEPTTEL FOR SECRETARY'S PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH EX-
PRESIDENTS BETANCOURT AND CALDERA.)

2230 DINNER FOR ABOUT 100 PERSONS BEGINS. VENEZUELAN GUESTS WILL
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INCLUDE THE CABINET, PRESIDENT OF THE CONGRESS, HEADS OF

CERTAIN AUTONOMOUS GOVERNMENT ENTITIES, SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, LEADERS OF THE RULING ACCION DEMOCRATICA PARTY, OTHER LEADING POLITICIANS AND INTELLECTUALS AND BUSINESSMEN. PARTICIPANTS FROM THE EMBASSY WILL INCLUDE CHARGE ASECIO, PAO HIGGINS, ECONOMIC COUNSELOR MILLS, ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR FORSTEN, POLITICAL COUNSELOR RANDOLPH. PARTICIPANTS FROM SECRETARY'S PARTY WILL BE APPROXIMATELY SIX. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE DINNER GUESTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN ROUND TABLES IN THE GARDEN AREA. THE SECRETARY WILL BE SEATED AT THE PRESIDENT'S TABLE TO THE PRESIDENT'S RIGHT AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S LEFT. THE OTHER GUESTS AT THE TABLE WILL BE PRESIDENT OF THE CONGRESS GONZALO BARRIOS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL JUDICATURE MARTIN PEREZ GUEVARA, EX-PRESIDENTS ROMULO BETANCOURT AND RAFAEL CALDERA, AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS. AN INTERPRETER WILL BE POSITIONED IMMEDIATELY BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND THE PRESIDENT. (DETAILED GUEST LIST BEING PROVIDED SEPARATELY.)

2315 PRESIDENT PEREZ OFFERS FORMAL TOAST.

2320 SECRETARY REPLIES.

2330 DINNER ENDS.

2345 SECRETARY DEPARTS LA CASONA FOR TAMANACO HOTEL.

2400 SECRETARY ARRIVES AT TAMANACO HOTEL.
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